(Rs. In crore)

Sl. No.	Name of the Corporation	Amount Provided
1.	National Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes Finance & Development Corporation	411.00
2.	National Safai Karmacharis Finance and Development Corporation	56.755
3.	National Backward Class Finance and Development Corporation	390.40
4.	National Minorities Finance and Development Corporation	202.00
5.	State level Scheduled Castes Finance and Development Corporations	539.72

(b) to (e) Government of Gujarat has informed that there is no decision for closing down the Gujarat State Leather Development Corporation and Gujarat State Handloom Corporation. However, Government of Gujarat has decided to merge the Gujarat State Leather Development Corporation with Gujarat Rural Industries Marketing Corporation and Gujarat State Handloom Development Corporation with Gujarat state Handicrafts Development Corporation for making the Corporations more viable, which will help the rural population and SCs and STs in particular.

Merger of the Corporations will solve overlapping of activities, reduce expenditure, make marketing outlets of one Corporation available to other Corporations without any additional expenditure and utilization of available manpower optimally.

Amendment in Dargah Khwaja Saheb Act, 1955

2986. SHRIAIMADUDDINAHMAD KHAN (DURRU): Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleasd to state:

(a) whether Government propose to amend the Dargah Khwaja Saheb Act, 1955;

(b) if so, by when; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI MANEKA GANDHI): (a) to (c) A proposal for amendment of the Dargah Khwaja Saheb Act, 1955 is under

consideration of the Central Government. As this involves consultation with several organizations, it is not be possible to indicate a time limit for completion of the exercise.

Allocation of Funds to Maulana Azad Education Foundation

2987. SHRI AIMADUDDIN AHMAD KHAN (DURRU): Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the amount allocated to Maulana Azad Education Foundation during the year 2000-2001;

(b) the amount spent by the Foundation during the said period; and

(c) the details of the amount spent, item-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI MANEKA GANDHI): (a) The Central Government released Rs. 2.85 crore to the Maulana Azad Education Foundation during the year 2000-2001.

(b) and (c) The Foundation incurred expenditure of Rs. 930.87 lakh during 2000-2001 as grant-in-aid under its educational schemes out of the resources available to it from grant received from the Central Government as well as income from investment of its Corpus Fund as per details given below:

(i)	Establishing/expansion of schools/colleges/ hostel building	Rs. 727.09 lakh
(ii)	Promotion of Technical Education	Rs. 202.88 lakh
(iii)	Vocational Training Centre at Ajmeri Gate, New Delhi	Rs. 0.90 lakh

Allocation of funds for the welfare of SCs / STs

†2988. SHRI SHYAM LAL:
SHRI NAGENDRA NATH OJHA:

Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of present population of SCs and STs in the country, separately, State-wise;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.